30 WEST 44th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

April 18, 1933

Rev. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Editor "The Presbyterian"
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, P. A.

Dear Sir:

I write resenting and deploring your editorial "Praying for the President" in your issue of April 13th.

By the largest majority ever registered in this country Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President on a platform which pledged him to urge the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and the modification of the Volstead Act.

Because he was faithful to his obligation and responsive to the clear mandate of 23,000,000 of his fellow countrymen, giving an inspiring illustration of an elected official promptly doing what he was told to do and what he promised the people he would do, you attack him in your Editorial columns; even cautioning your readers to be careful and reserved in their prayers for him! Shame on you!

It is almost beyond belief that at a time like this, when practically the entire press of the Country, secular and religious and irrespective of political affiliations, are commending the marvelous vision and matchless courage: the splendid leadership and the personal faith of our Christian President that it remains for "The Presbyterian" to "throw bricks at him!"

This attack on your President would have been more respectable and less contemptible if you had not "held his chin and kissed him while stabbing him in the back" and as a Presbyterian who for twenty years has been a subscriber to your paper, I resent it as a disgrace to our church and the good name of a magazine which, under former management and policy, earned and commanded the love and respect of our splendid Presbyterian citizenship.

While I realize that "The Presbyterian" is an independent publication, yet in some quarters its editorials might be considered as official expressions of the Presbyterian Church and therefore this reflection on the character of our President is the more to be deplored.

Any suggestion that your editorial is largely in quotations would be as ingenuous as it would be beside the point,- your stab is there and it is "The Presbyterian" speaking!

As the secular press together with Catholic, Jewish and many Protestant magazines are commending and upholding the President, would it not be better for the good name of our church and the former record of "The Presbyterian" for you to cease publication rather than to continue and be so sadly conspicuous in your critical attitudes toward our President.

I shall send your editorial to the President, with an explanation that the magazine neither represents nor expresses the sentiments of the great Presbyterian Church which, although its present leaders have wandered far afield from the Historic Faith, yet the great mass of its membership are loyal and patriotic and undoubtedly will not only support him but pray for his Divine Guidance and without the reservations suggested by "The Presbyterian."

I have no objection to your publishing this letter.

Respectfully yours,
Mosco Greenwood

P.S. I am politically and personally a "Dry".

April 24, 1933.

Col. Moses Greenwood,
30 W. 44th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Had your temper allowed you to look to the end you would have seen that I did not write the article which you speak against so vehemently. It was written by Dr. Whallon, one of the noblest men I know.

Yours truly,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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Rev. Melville B. Gurley,
Market Square Pres. Church,
Gtn., Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Gurley:

I hope you can forgive me for retaining this manuscript which I almost decided to print. I have great respect for and confidence in you and for personal reasons would like to print it, but I think I will not until I have fuller knowledge.

Please forgive me.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Arthur H. Giles, Pastor

Mora Minnesota

Nov.14.32

The Editor
The Presbyterian
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson;-

The enclosed clipping is from the official organ of Macalester College, the official educational institution of our Presbyterian church in Minnesota.

It is doubtful whether the Association for the Advancement of Atheism could publish anything more blasphemous.

Very sincerely

A H Giles

January 10, 1933.

Rev. Walter B. Greenway, D.D.,
Beaver College,
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Dr. Greenway:

Up to this moment, you are the only director that has sent me any response to my recent letter. I thank you very much. Our directors are so absorbed in other things that THE PRESBYTERIAN gets no chance except with one or two.

Cordially and gratefully yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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Aug.6th,1932.

Rev.W.Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr.Robinson:-

I read the article by Dr.Currens in The Presbyterian of June 16th. Also,that of B.E.Jacobs of July 21st, Both regarding the S.S.lesson in which the text "Born of water and of the Spirit occured.

I agree with Dr.Currens in part,but do not agree with Mr.Jacobs in any sense. If Nicodemus had been a physician there would have been some reason in Jesus saying to him,"Art thou a physician and knowest not these things?" But there is no reason why his being a teacher of the law and the prophets should give him special qualification to enable him to know that the natural birth is a water birth.

I am surprised that the writer of the S.S.comment should make such an admission and give such a faulty comment as was given in the lesson help. Such statements as were made in that periodical are doing us much harm. They are misleading and strengthening the cause of the Baptists and Disciples,both of whom take advantage of such statements to mislead the people who do not make a careful study of the Bible. All immersionists assert in their S.S.literature,when such a matter is touched in the lesson,that it is immersion and nothing else.

I am enclosing a sermon,which I took occasion to preach to my people after they had studied that S.S.lesson,that they might know the real teaching of that Scripture. I am sending it to you that you may publish it,if you think proper to do so. A part of this sermon is in a booklet which I wrote and which has had a sale of 4,000 copies. I do not believe in controversy,but I do believe that our ministers should teach the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. They are Bible doctrines and I see no reason why we should not preach them. The Methodists preach their doctrines;the Baptists preach theirs,and the Christians or Disciples never preach except they touch upon their distinctive doctrines. Are we to close our lips and let others teach our children ? If so,they will soon have them in their churches. We have Scripture for every position that we take and why should we not teach it. We need not abuse others nor ridicule them,just teach the Bible.

I beg your pardon for intruding with this sermon,as I know you have more manuscripts than you can possibly use,but I feel that our people need to have such Scriptures clearly explained so as to enable them to know why they are what they are,and to know what the Bible really teaches.

Cordially yours,

W. E. Graham

W.E.Graham.

article used Oct 6, 1932

Albany, N.Y.
Oct 27 '32.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Hereby I submit a short article in connection with Election Day. It's part of a talk I have given to various civic bodies. If you care to publish it, I would appreciate it. But do it before El. Day, if possible. Of course, I desire no remuneration. Just trying to do my small share in helping a good magazine like yours.

As B/4,

Faithfully yours,

Rev. P. C. J. Goeree, L.M.; A.M.

377 Madison Ave.

18 SUNSET AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

5/18/32

Dear Dr Robinson -

For your information I inclose copy of my last letter to Dr. Mudge -

I have also sent copies to Dr Matthews and Dr Burrell -

Personally I consider our Presbyterian Church U. S. A. in an deplorable mess - but our God can work wonders & He may do so at Denver! -

(over)

Fraternally Moses Drury Wood

In your letter to me you reminded me that I hadn't accomplished anything in my various efforts to smoke out Nudge & his hierarchy associates - affirmationists, modernists & c -

Is that the reason that you have abandoned "us"?

You will recall that the precious promises of our Savior were to the "faithful" servants - not to the "successful" servants -

Yrs.

Let us be true - & willing to leave the results with our God -

REV. J. WHITFIELD GIBSON, PH. D.
Member of the Toledo, Ohio, Presbytery
PASTOR AT LARGE
Manse, 3536 Willys Parkway
TOLEDO, OHIO

May-10/1932

To The Editor of Presbyterian

I received no reply that my Book was recei

How long will the Editor reply to same

I am very anxious about same. Hope you will reply By return of Mail

Yours Truly
J Whitfield Gibson

WM. HARMAR GOOD, M. D.
5415 RISING SUN AVENUE
OLNEY, PHILA., PA.

Dr W Courtland Robinson
1217 Market St
Phila Penna

7.12.32.

My dear Dr Robinson

You are always interested in getting the viewpoint, good, bad or indifferent as it may be, of others.

Recently I had the great privilege of being sent as an elder commissioner from the Presbytery of Phila. North to the General Assembly.

Possibly you might find something of interest in the enclosed reports, one to the First Presbyterian Church of Olney, of which I am an elder; the other to the Presbytery of Phila. North:

The illustrations of Waggoner of Alaska, ~~and~~ the comments on Christian Education of Dr Covert and Dr Speer, and the statement of Dr

WM. HARMAR GOOD, M. D.
5415 RISING SUN AVENUE
OLNEY, PHILA., PA.

Swearingen seem to me to be excellent.

Would it be asking too much to have you return them in the enclosed envelope after you read them?

Sincerely yours
J. Harmar Good